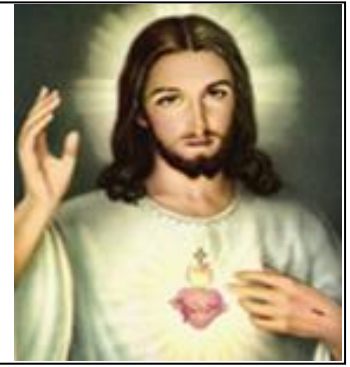




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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),

10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of the month at 1.30pm

Next Healing Mass:

Thursday 3 February 2022

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday after 9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)

Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Sunday 6 February 2022

Reluctant Heroes

Isaiah, Paul and Peter are three key figures in the Bible. All three figure prominently in today's readings. All three were specially chosen by God. Yet each of them had a deep feeling of unworthiness. Isaiah declared, 'I am a man of unclean lips' (First reading). Paul declared, 'Of all the apostles I am the least. I don't deserve to be called an apostle' (Second reading). And Peter declared, 'I am a sinful man' (Gospel). This was not false humility on their part; this was the plain truth. Each starts by acknowledging his unworthiness and inadequacy. From a spiritual point of view, such start is an advantage. They did not put themselves forward, but were called by God. they accepted the call reluctantly, convinced that they were completely unworthy of it.

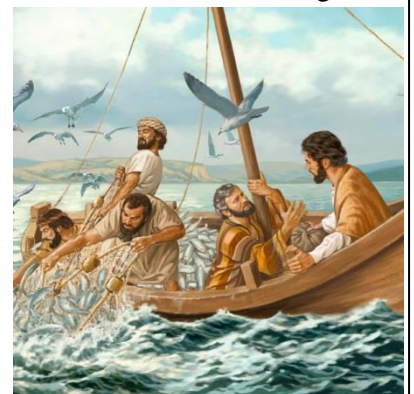
In our world, people who run for public office generally put themselves forward, and aren't slow to advertise their qualifications. People who put themselves forward are more likely to do harm than good. Such people rely on their own resources, and are out of their own glory. Pride and self-sufficiency are but sand, and the spiritual house built on it is sure to fall. When, on the other hand, we meet someone who is fearful and hesitant in allowing his name to go forward, we find that person more believable, and also more human. This element of reluctance is the essence of the matter, for the saint or martyr who seeks his fate with eagerness never rings true.

There is a great paradox here. Paul said, 'I am weak, that is when I am strong' (2Cor.12:10). The meaning is that when he recognizes his own weakness and turns to God for help, God's power becomes available to him. Pride, arrogance, and cleverness can become hindrances. Humility, on the other hand, is a great starting point. It's not that we are rotten through and through. Far from it. It's just that we are weak, selfish and cowardly. Without grace we are unable to save ourselves, much less save anyone else. However, people can use their sins and weaknesses as a cop-out. Isaiah asked God to choose someone else, someone with clean mouth. Peter asked Christ to leave him alone because he was a sinner. When we do this we are giving in to our weakness. We are using it for doing nothing.

God didn't choose Isaiah, Paul and Peter because of their sinfulness; God chose them in spite of it. Eventually they accepted God's invitation, and all three went on to do great things for God. This is the paradox arising out of weakness. When we answer God's call in humility, God empowers us so that we can do things we never thought possible.

We should ask the Lord to give us humility to acknowledge our weaknesses, and strength to rise above them. Then we will have the joy of discovering that it is when we are weak that we are strong, because the Lord's power becomes available to us.

Fr Flor McCarthy SDB, New Sunday & Holiday Liturgies Year C.



Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



BAPTISM Welcome!

This weekend through Baptism we welcome:
Bezaliel John Stephenson & Cassiel John Stephenson
into our Parish family

	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion
29-Jan-22	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
05-Feb-22	Rohan Lemos Renato Tonini	Charlotte Bainy
12-Feb-22	Marlene Vergou Teresa Dang	Peter Bourke

	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
30-Jan-22	Jessy Thambiraj Ivana Lo Bello	Pauline Veamatahau
06-Feb-22	Jessica Suppiah Eileen Stevens	George McBrien
13-Feb-22	Judeline Wadhvani Marilene Fortuna	Eileen Stevens

	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
30-Jan-22	Anna Liggieri Tim Rankin	Margaret Rankin
06-Feb-22	Margaret Bannan Robert Dullard	Damian Casamento
13-Feb-22	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Robert Dullard



Feasts /Memorials of the week:

Tuesday 8 February St Josephine Bakhita,
St Jerome Emiliani
Thursday 10 February St Scholastica
(Blessed Aloysius Stepinac)
Friday 11 February Our Lady of Lourdes
World Day of Prayer for the Sick



Last Week's Collection: 30/1/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$986
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$382
Thank you for your kind generosity!



Giving Tree –

Thank you

A very sincere thankyou to our parishioners, groups and visitors for your contributions to our Christmas Giving Tree Appeal amounting to a value of \$1,290. Through your generosity we were able to bring Christmas Joy to almost 50 families and individuals and help them get through a very challenging January. God bless you all,
St Vincent's de Paul team.

📖 LIVING GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP (LGPG) 📖

LGPG is celebrating the start of the year with a Mass on Wednesday 9 February at 2pm at **St Raphael's Church,** 13 Hardy Street, Preston. All Welcome



Chaplaincy Appeal 2022

Next weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres, and those living with HIV/AIDS. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest hours and times of need. **Please give generously.** You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.



Cleaning Roster: Saturday 12 February 2022 Volunteers

Thank you for your hard work



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Our parishioners, family members and friends
That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently

Maria Stella (RIP 28/1)
Fr Mathew Chethikalam (RIP in Kerala, India)



We Commemorate

John, Alfonso, Dino & Natalina Bernardini,
Isa, Mario, Orfeo & Rino Bergamin,
Teresina & Valter De Stefani,
Carlo, Duilio, Livio, Pasqua & Beppi Trentin
and all deceased members of the
Ottaviano Bertoncello & Carlo Trentin families.
Giovanni Raso

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.



PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME



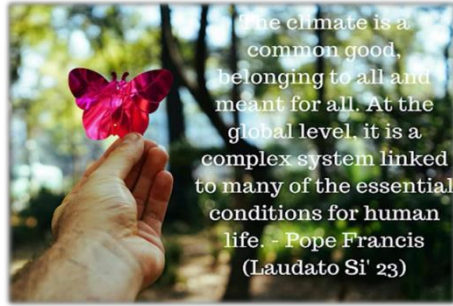
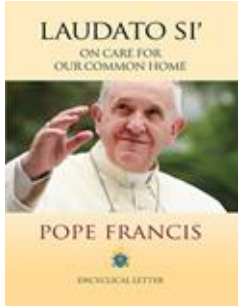
PRAYERS FROM POPE FRANCIS



You are in the world to witness that it is beloved and blessed by God. You are consecrated for the world, which awaits your testimony to achieve a freedom that gives joy, nourishes hope, and prepares the future.



LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all. At the global level, it is a complex system linked to many of the essential conditions for human life. - Pope Francis (Laudato Si' 23)

CHAPTER ONE: Pope Francis reflects on the poor response to the climate emergency; time is of the essence to bring about the change needed by 2030. He reflects on the need to work for the common good & for hope to follow through with positive action from all sectors of our community.

"It is remarkable how weak international political responses have been. The failure of global summits on the environment make it plain that our politics are subject to technology and finance." LS: 54

"Time is running out! Deliberations must go beyond mere exploration of what can be done, and concentrate on what needs to be done! The climate crisis requires our decisive action, here and now and the Church is fully committed to playing her part." (Pope Francis June 2019)

True statecraft is manifest when, in difficult times, we uphold high principles and think of the long-term common good" LS: 178

Hope would have us recognise that there is always a way out, that we can always redirect our steps, that we can always do something to solve our problems... The present world system is certainly unsustainable." LS: 61

LET US PRAY: *O God of all creation, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Amen.*



Piety Stall

With the help of generous volunteers the Piety Stall will again be open after each of the weekend Masses.

Religious items including **Columban calendars** are available at very reasonable prices.

Volunteers are sought for all weekend Masses.

Pease contact Rachel on 9480 3398 for more details.

You are required to have a current WWCC and be fully vaccinated
Thank you



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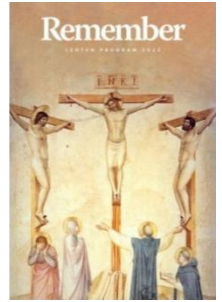
Remember—Lenten Program 2022

Remember is a 72-page full colour book (240x170mm) containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual devotional reading in addition to the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings and reflections, prayers and questions that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings. If you wish to purchase **Remember** you must do so by ordering and paying for it in advance.

Cost \$8 each. To Order please place your money in an envelope with your name and phone number and hand it to Fr Aloysius or place it in the collection basket or you may place it in the "Letters" slot near the front door of the presbytery before **Monday 7 February**.

Please **DO NOT** use the letterbox along the fence as this is not secure.

Thank you



SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY

PARADE COLLEGE

OPEN DAY

10am - 2pm Preston 8 Clifton Grove
10am - 2pm Bundoora 1436 Plenty Rd

Register www.paradevic.edu.au ■ p 9468 3300 ■ enrol@paradevic.edu.au
Year 7 2024 Enrolments Now Open! ■ Limited places at Preston available 2023

Joke Corner

A Catholic priest announces at Mass one day, "I will be in Rome next week. If any of you have a wish, I will light a candle in Rome so that the wish will come true."

A woman announces, "My husband and I have been married for several years, but have never borne any children. Can you light a candle so that we can have children?"

"I will happily do that," says the priest.

Five years later, the woman says to the priest, "Since you went to Rome and lit that candle, I have given birth to two pairs of twins and a set of triplets, and now I am pregnant with quadruplets!" She then gives the priest a plane ticket to Rome.

"You are too kind," says the priest. "You don't need to thank me."

"I'm not thanking you Father," says the woman. "I just want you to go back and blow out that candle."

Welcoming Saint Pope John-Paul II
AS CO-PATRON OF OUR VICTORIAN MARIAN SHRINE

Sunday 20th February 2022
Starts 2.00 p.m.

Totus Tuus - I'm Totally Yours
St Pope JPII Motto - Testimony of his True Devotion to Mary

Inauguration and Blessing of the Monument
By Most Reverend Bishop Martin Ashe
Aux. Bishop of Archdiocese of Melbourne (Western Regions) & other members of the Clergy

Come & Join the Clergy & the Faithful
in this historic celebration at
Ta Pinu Shrine (Aust)

All Nations Marian Centre

For more information: 15 Flanagan Drive, Merrimu (Bacchus Marsh) 3340
Office: 53677006; Josette 0412360231; Rita 0401534838; Mary 0409231926

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made
us,
for he is the Lord our God.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have
failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth
peace to people of good will. / We praise
you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we
glorify you, / we give you thanks for your
great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O
God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of
God, Son of the Father, / you take away the
sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you
take away the sins of the world, / receive our
prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of
the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you
alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the
Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus
Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory
of God the Father. / Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw
the Lord of Hosts seated on a high throne;
his train filled the sanctuary; above him
stood seraphs, each one with six wings.
And they cried out to one another in this
way,
'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts.
His glory fills the whole earth.'
The foundations of the threshold shook
with the voice of the one who cried out,
and the Temple was filled with smoke. I
said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am
lost,

for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
and my eyes have looked at the King, the
Lord of Hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me,
holding in his hand a live coal which he
had taken from the altar with a pair of
tongs. With this he touched my mouth and
said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away,
your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:
'Whom shall I send? Who will be our
messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 137(138):1-5,7-8

The Response Is:

***In the sight of the angels I will sing your
praises, Lord.***

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless
you. I will adore before your holy temple.

***In the sight of the angels I will sing your
praises, Lord.***

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

***In the sight of the angels I will sing your
praises, Lord.***

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

***In the sight of the angels I will sing your
praises, Lord.***

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

***In the sight of the angels I will sing your
praises, Lord.***

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brothers, I want to remind you of the
gospel I preached to you, the gospel that
you received and in which you are firmly
established; because the gospel will save
you only if you keep believing exactly
what I preached to you – believing
anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you
what I had been taught myself, namely
that Christ died for our sins, in accordance
with the scriptures; that he was buried;
and that he was raised to life on the third
day, in accordance with the scriptures; that
he appeared first to Cephas and secondly
to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more
than five hundred of the brothers at the
same time, most of whom are still alive,
though some have died; then he appeared
to James, and then to all the apostles; and
last of all he appeared to me too; it was as
though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since
I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly
deserve the name apostle; but by God's
grace that is what I am, and the grace that
he gave me has not been fruitless. On the
contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that
is with me, have worked harder than any
of the others; but what matters is that I
preach what they preach, and this is what
you all believed.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel
Acclamation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,

and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of
Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round
him listening to the word of God, when he
caught sight of two boats close to the
bank. The fishermen had gone out of them
and were washing their nets. He got into
one of the boats – it was Simon's – and
asked him to put out a little from the
shore. Then he sat down and taught the
crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to
Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay
out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon
replied, 'we worked hard all night long
and caught nothing, but if you say so, I
will pay out the nets.' And when they had
done this they netted such a huge number
of fish that their nets began to tear, so they
signalled to their companions in the other
boat to come and help them; when these
came, they filled the two boats to sinking
point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the
knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I
am a sinful man.' For he and all his
companions were completely overcome by
the catch they had made; so also were
James and John, sons of Zebedee, who
were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to
Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it
is men you will catch.' Then, bringing
their boats back to land, they left
everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, /
Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus
Christ, his only Son, our lord, / who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the
Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate,
/ was crucified, died and was buried; / he
descended into hell; / on the third day he
rose again from the dead; / he ascended into
heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father almighty; / from there he will
come to judge the living and the dead. / I
believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic
Church, / the communion of saints, / the
forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the
body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Lord, hear our prayer.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, saviour of the world,
for by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.